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Newsletter

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE CENTER AND AROUND...



Americas Recycle Day!

FREE Paper and Document Shredding & Donation Drive (Clothing and Household goods)- On Saturday, November 14, 2009, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, the County's Environmental Protection Agency will be holding a **FREE document shredding and household donation** event at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, MD. Shredding your documents helps prevent Identify Theft and serious financial difficulties for you and your family. The Arc of Montgomery will also be at the Center accepting donations of clothes and household goods. **For more information please call 240 777-8400.** For details, go to:

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rsc/eastco/Flyers/americanrecyclesday2009.pdf>



Federal Jobs Employment Workshop

Join the Road Map to Federal Government Employment workshop to learn how to prepare quality, targeted federal resumes supported by clear knowledge, skills, and abilities (KSA) statements that showcase accomplishments. Application evaluation and agency follow up procedures are also addressed. Those with no prior federal civil service experience and others seeking competitive civil service positions will benefit from this workshop. The workshop is being offered by Montgomery College on **November 17-19, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center.** Course: CRP086 7.5 hours (3 sessions). To register, contact Harriet Lebowitz at (240) 567-2595 or go to:

www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rsc/eastco/flyers/roadmaptofedgovtemp.pdf

FREE Legal Advice Clinics on November 5 and November 12—

The Montgomery County Bar Foundation Pro Bono Program, in partnership with Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, provides *free* Legal Advice Consultations for low income residents. The clinics are held on the **1st and 2nd Thursdays of each month from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m.** at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center. A client intake must be completed before 6:00 p.m. For more information, please call the Pro Bono Program Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m to 5:00 p.m. at (301) 424-7651 or (301) 424-7652 or (301) 424-7633 or Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center at 240-777-8400.



Go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/veterans>

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As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

~John Fitzgerald Kennedy



Senior Driver Safety Class on Saturday, November 21, 2009 : Attendees simply attend the one, 4-hour class and they receive their completion certificate! The class registration fees are \$12.00 for AARP members and \$14.00 for non-AARP members. The instructor will continue to collect the fee on the day of the class. **Saturday, November 21, 8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904.** Language: English. **Limited Seats only!** For more information or to register, call # (240) 777-8400.



ESOL CLASSES—English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) classes are being held at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road in Silver Spring. Classes are held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:30 am until 12:00 pm and on Wednesday evenings from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. The classes will continue until mid December 2009. **Enrollment for the spring semester will begin in early January 2010.** Please call 240-777-8400 for more information.

THE WHEATON SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE IS MOVING!

When: November 18, 2009

New Location: 10230 New Hampshire Avenue, Suite 304, Silver Spring, MD 20903

Hours of operation: Monday through Friday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

The Social Security Office located at 11006 Veirs Mill Road in Silver Spring, MD will have minimal service beginning November 9, 2009. The office will close down completely at NOON on November 13th and is expected to reopen at the new location on November 18th. You can transact business on their website by visiting WWW.SOCIALSECURITY.GOV <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/> or you may contact Social Security by phone at 1-800-772-1213 **Full service will be available at the following SSA offices:** Greenbelt 7401 C Forbes Blvd, Seabrook, MD 20706 and Rockville, 315 N. Washington Street, Rockville, MD 20850

Events held in East County

First IDA Sector Meeting a Success!



Nearly 30 members of our community turned out for the first IDA Sector meeting on **October 22** here at the Eastern County Regional Services Center. The goal of these gatherings is to bring the County's public safety agencies together with Castle Boulevard/Briggs Chaney area residents, apartment managers, business owners, and school officials to pursue strategies to make our community safer. IDA Sector is the police call sign for the area that includes the Castle Boulevard/Briggs Chaney area. Lt. Steve D'Ovidio, the assistant commander of the Third District police station, reported that most IDA sector crimes are down considerably, including robberies, assaults and stolen vehicles. Vehicle thefts are up by 13%. He believes that the police

have arrested the person responsible for a recent series of burglaries in the Briggs Chaney area. Apartment and business owners also learned from Lt. D'Ovidio that they should be on the lookout for individuals impersonating maintenance staff and using a work truck and ladder to access apartment complexes through rooftop hatches, which appear to have been left unlocked. Lt. D'Ovidio urged apartment managers to designate Montgomery County Police to act as agents on their properties. This allows police to issue trespass orders to non-residents who are not wanted on the property. Four apartment complexes have already signed up with police. Park Police were also on hand, and Chief Darien Manley explained their roles and duties. They are comprised of 80 officers who cover all parks countywide on a 24/7 basis. Their primary jurisdiction is within the county parks, although they may respond to crimes outside of the parks as needed. For more information on how to put together a neighborhood watch, or to have County police act as your agent on your property, please call Community Services Officer Joy Patil at 301 565-5762.



NEXT IDA SECTOR MEETING – January 21 at 9:30 a.m. at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center, 3300 Briggs Chaney Road in Silver Spring, MD

Community Service Day ! Over 40 volunteers turned out to join their friends and neighbors at the Eastern Montgomery County Regional Center's Community Service Day on October 24th. Because October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month we at the Center thought it would be the perfect opportunity to merge two worthy efforts. Student volunteers, along with their parents, teachers and other community members created gift bags filled with needed items for victims of domestic violence and their children who find themselves at the Betty Ann Krahne Center for New Beginnings, a domestic violence shelter operated by Montgomery County. Volunteers filled gift bags for women with soap, washcloths, shampoo, lotions and other toiletries, and filled bags for children with coloring books, crayons, puzzles, spiral notebooks, stuffed animals and small toys. Although the items in the gift bags are small, they go a long way in helping the women, and their children, who are in the shelter, feel more at home.



UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Are You Late on your Mortgage? Attend a Free Workshop— on **Saturday, November 14, 2009; 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** at Montgomery College, Takoma Park/Silver Spring Performing Arts Center, 7989 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland. For more information, go to <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/content/rsc/eastco/Flyers/foreclosureworkshopnov142009.pdf>



MCPS Parent Academy workshops for East County

11/16/09	7:00–8:30 p.m.	Hands-On Math Strategies for Students in Elementary School Need tips on how to help strengthen your child's math skills? This session offers hands-on strategies to help elementary students connect mathematics to real world experience and strengthen problem-solving skills.	Cannon Road ES 901 Cannon Rd. Silver Spring 20904
12/3/09	7:00–8:30 p.m.	Ten Laws to Help the 21st Century Parent Parenting 21st century children is a rewarding challenge. This engaging and interactive session will help parents learn ways to build a strong parent-child bridge and strengthen the student-parent-school relationship.	White Oak MS 12201 New Hampshire Ave. Silver Spring 20904

November 6, 2009 - April 4, 2010 (Every other Friday, 11 sessions total) Club Friday- Join the club to learn Arts and Crafts, DJ and Dancing, Special Performances, and more.
When - November 6, 2009 - April 4, 2010

Where- Marilyn J. Praisner Community Center

Time : 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

Who -Grades K-5

Cost : \$30.00 Membership Fee

Two free guest passes, guests must be grades K-5. For more information, call Kofi @ 240-777-4976 /Carol @ 240-777-4975

For more information, go to

<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/parentacademy/schedule.aspx>

Grant Writing Workshop in Landover, MD| December 17-18, 2009

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Grant Writing USA will present a two-day grant writing workshop in Landover, December 17-18, 2009. Beginning and experienced grant writers from city, county and state agencies as well as nonprofits, K-12, colleges and universities are encouraged to attend. Purchase orders, checks and cards are welcome. Multi-enrollment discounts are available. Tuition is \$425 and includes all materials: workbook and accompanying 420MB resource CD that's packed full of tools and more than 200 sample grant proposals. Tuition payment is not required at the time of enrollment. Seating is limited, online reservations are necessary. For more information including venue location and maps, graduate testimonials and instant, online enrollment, please visit: <http://GrantWritingUSA.com> Grant Writing USA Contact: Cathy Rittenhouse, Customer Service, Grant Writing USA 800.814.8191 cathy@grantwritingusa.com Host: Lisa S. Stafford, Host Agency, 301.583.2432 lisa.stafford@pgparks.com If your office already receives government grants, then consider the *Grant Management Workshop* hosted by Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments in Washington, DC on December 14-15, 2009. Staying in compliance with federal grant requirements can be daunting. With the help of experienced Grant Writing USA instructors you'll learn the necessary compliance steps in an organized, comprehensive and easy to understand manner. Full details available at: <http://www.grantwritingusa.com/events/manage/mwcog1209m.html> More than 10,000 agencies across America turn to Grant Writing USA for grant writing, grant management and grant research training.

County to Hold H1N1 Clinic for Pregnant Women; Limited Doses Available by Appointment Only for Clinic on Wednesday, November 4 - The Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services will offer an injectable H1N1 vaccine (thimerosal-free) clinic for pregnant women by appointment only on Wednesday, November 4. For more info. go to http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/apps/News/press/PR_details.asp?PID=5982

Marilyn J. Praisner Library, 14910 Old Columbia Pike, Burtonsville, Maryland 20866 Tel 240-773-9460.
To review the Marilyn J. Praisner Library's upcoming events and other learning programs go to Calendar of Events at:

White Oak Library, 11701 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland 20904 Tel 240-773-9555.
For more information go to

<http://libcal.montgomerycountymd.gov/libcal/index.jsp?lib=44-45&lib=2009-1114&lib=2009-1114&lib=2009-1114>

Washington Humane Society – There will be an Adoption Event on Ellsworth in Silver Spring, Sunday, November 1, from 1 - 3:30 pm. The Washington Humane Society (WHS), the only Congressionally-chartered animal welfare agency in the United States, has been the area's leading voice for animals since 1870. As the only open-access shelter in the Nation's Capital, the Washington Humane Society provides comfort and care to over 15,000 animals each year through its broad range of programs and services including sheltering, adoption, spay and neuter, CatNiPP, humane law enforcement, lost and found, human-animal therapy programs and humane education. For more information go to: <http://www.washhumane.org/>

County Councilmember Nancy Floreen, Congressman Van Hollen to Host Job Search Workshop and Information Fair– Saturday, November 14, at the County Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville. For more info., go to http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/Council/PressRelease/PR_details.asp?PrID=5988

FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEWS - go to http://montgomerycountymd.gov/Apps/News/press/PR_list.asp

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<https://ext01.montgomerycountymd.gov/entp/s1p/esubpublic/newssubscriber.do>

Do you want to submit an article/ event related to east county?
Feel free to email us at
eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov



Meeting and conference room space is available at the Eastern Montgomery Regional Center. To reserve space, call the CUPF agency at #(240) 777-2706

Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards; College Fair & Symposium

Date: **Saturday, November 14, 2009**

Time: 8:30am – 2:00pm

Location: Bowie State University, 14000 Jericho Park Rd ,
Bowie, MD 20715

For questions, contact the District Office at (301) 516-7601.

East County Citizens Advisory Board (ECCAB)

Residents are invited to attend the East County Citizens Advisory Board meetings and encouraged to ask questions & provide comments. The next ECCAB meeting will be held at
The Eastern Montgomery Regional Services Center
on **Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 7:15pm.**

ECCAB Meetings are open to Public.

For questions please contact the Center at (240) 777-8400/TTY (240) 777-8418 or email eastco.citizen@montgomerycountymd.gov



FREE Compost Bins
available at EMRSC
Call 240-777-8400
M-F 8:30 am -5:00 pm

DID YOU KNOW?

Composting transforms your yard and garden trimmings—grass clippings, leaves, and pruning material—into a dark, crumbly, sweet-smelling material that naturally enriches the earth. Read more at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/swstmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/solidwaste/yardtrim/composting/index.asp>

What's New at the Department of Police ?

New! [Citizen Online Reporting.](#)

New Updates! [Montgomery County Police Most Wanted Page](#)

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/poltml.asp?url=/content/pol/index.asp>

November 11th Veterans Day
November 26th Thanksgiving

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<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/eastco>



Daylight Savings Time - Daylight savings time ends on November 1, 2009 at 2 am. The time goes back one hour, so don't forget to change your clock! Also remember to check your Smoke Alarms and Batteries.

MCPS - No school for students Monday, November 2. Professional day for teachers; Administrative offices open.

